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INCIDENT UPDATES:

TWO MAJOR FIRE INCIDENTS ON APRIL 16, 2006

The Houston Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment fire at 10440 South Dr. in Southwest Houston on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at about 2pm. The first companies arrived to find fire on three floors in the patio area of one building. More than 100 fire personal responded to this three-alarm fire, which destroyed 18 units, causing about \$800,000 in estimated structural damage. There were no reported injuries. The cause of this fire was ruled accidental due to a discarded cigarette on an exterior patio of one of the units.

The Houston Fire Department was dispatched to another apartment fire at 8443 Wednesbury in Southwest Houston on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at 3:26pm. Companies arrived to find fire showing from the first and second floor of one unit. Three units were severally damaged and two units received water damage. This two-alarm fire caused about \$800,000 in estimated structural damage. One firefighter was transported to the hospital due to possible overexertion. The cause of this fire was ruled accidental due to careless discarding of charcoal bricks.